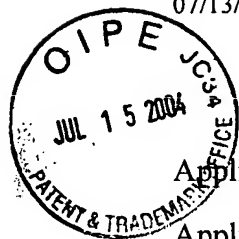


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- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 9	\$ 0
X \$43	\$ 0
+ \$145	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$
X \$86	\$
+ \$290	\$

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